



Cannabis Cultivation Update

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Our Mission

We ensure public safety and environmental protection by licensing and regulating commercial cannabis cultivators in California. We also manage the state's cannabis track-and-trace system.





Our Programs

Licensing Branch

- Issue temporary and annual licenses to commercial cultivators.
- Determine compliance with CEQA and mitigate any potentially significant environmental impacts of cannabis cultivation.
- Developing a comparable organic program and appellations program for cannabis.

Compliance and Enforcement Branch

- Perform inspections on commercial cultivation licensees' premises.
- Issue enforcement actions, when necessary.
- Ensure compliance with environmental protection measures specified in regulations.

IT Projects

 Implementing an online licensing program and a statewide track-and-trace system to record the movement of cannabis and cannabis products through the supply chain.





License Categories

Category	Outdoor	Indoor	Mixed-Light
Specialty Cottage	Up to 25 mature plants	Up to 500 sq ft	Up to 2,500 sq ft
Specialty	Up to 5,000 sq ft or up to 50 mature plants	Up to 5,000 sq ft	Up to 5,000 sq ft
Small	5,001-10,000 sq ft	5,001-10,000 sq ft	5,001-10,000 sq ft
Medium (limited)	10,001 sq ft to 1 acre	10,001- 22,000 sq ft	10,001- 22,000 sq ft
Large (Not issued until 2023)	Greater than 1 acre	Greater than 22,000 sq ft	Greater than 22,000 sq ft
Nursery	No size limit defined in statute (no canopy)		
Processor	Conducts only trimming, drying, curing, grading, or packaging of cannabis and non-manufactured cannabis products		





Annual License Application Review Process







Enforcement Process

Licensed Issued

License is issued to a person by CDFA
CalCannabis Cultivation
Licensing Division that allows the person to perform privileges related to commercial cultivation, operation of a nursery, or to process cannabis in California.

Inspection Conducted

Inspection is conducted by CDFA CalCannabis or Local County Agricultural Commissioner Staff

Types of inspections:

- Educational
- Sample
- Comprehensive
- Complaint

Inspection Results

Written documentation provided to the licensee at the time of inspection.

Remedy and best practices are discussed with the licensee.

Enforcement Action

Enforcement actions include but are not limited to:

- Notice of Violation
- Issuance of Penalties/Fines
- Licensing/Disciplinary Actions





Collaborating State Agencies



California Department of Tax and Fee Administration



California Department of Fish and Wildlife



California Department of Insurance



Division of Occupational Safety and Health



California Water Boards



Secretary of State Office



California Department of Pesticide Regulation



California Highway Patrol





SWRCB Coordination

- Outreach
- Regulation Language Development
- CDFA Application Review Process/Verifying Compliance
- Data Sharing
- Working with Local Jurisdictions
- Joint Inspections





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